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MESSAGE TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF FAR EAST

**RESTRICTED DATA**

1. The Army, Air Force, and/or Navy have not, as a team, demonstrated, by actual coordinated simulated atomic strikes, their capability to employ atomic weapons tactically in support of land forces.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have accordingly determined that simulated atomic strikes should be staged in Korea in order to demonstrate conclusively, under combat conditions, that we have the capability of employing atomic weapons tactically in support of land forces, with sufficient speed and accuracy to insure effectiveness on the targets, should such action later become necessary. Actual atomic weapons (less nuclear components) should be used for all phases of these operations, except actual flights over enemy territory, to insure that all procedures, such as assembly, testing, and loading of actual weapons, are thoroughly tested in the field. The actual drops on the enemy will be with conventional munitions.

**ATOMIC ENERGY ACT**

3. The CG, SAC and CINCPAC have been directed to coordinate with and assist you in planning and staging these exercises. You will submit appropriate reports to the Joint Chiefs of Staff which will indicate status and action being taken to alleviate limitations.

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